

Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation



Spring 2014 Programs



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Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They are developed to give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today. Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please take note of the location of a particular program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a particular place, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.

REGISTRATION

- Go to www.seattle.gov/parks and use the online registration system - SPARC. You need to sign up for an account and obtain a pin number in order to use the online system. This may take up to 24 hours, so plan ahead. Once you have your pin number, use the course code number listed in the program description to find the program in the SPARC system. The course code number is listed next to the program date.

- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.

Seattle's Environmental Learning Centers

Discovery Park

3801 Discovery Park Blvd. (formerly West Government Way)
Seattle, WA. 98199
Phone: 206-386-4237
Email: discovery.park@seattle.gov
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30a.m. to 5p.m.

Camp Long

5200 35th Ave SW
Seattle, WA. 98126
Phone: 206-684-7434
Email: camplong@seattle.gov
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10a.m. to 6p.m.
Closed Sundays beginning November 1

Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Road
Seattle, WA. 98177
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There are, however, programs still offered at the park.
Contact Discovery Park ELC for anything pertaining to Carkeek Park.



Earth Month Activities

Honor our planet through stewardship, education, and appreciation!

Tidepool Walks

Celebrate the earth by exploring one of the most unique parts of the planet – tidepools! Explore one of the following Puget Sound beaches and search for anemones, sea stars, moon snails, clams, and more during a great low tide. **Please dress for the weather and wear shoes that can get wet and handle slippery surfaces.**

Carkeek Park

All ages Free

Please meet at the kiosk next to the bridge over the railroad tracks in the beach parking lot at Carkeek.

#115732 4/19/14 Sat 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Me-Kwa-Mooks Beach

Ages: 3 and older Free

Please meet at Emma Schmitz Viewpoint.

#116506 4/19/14 Sat 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Discovery Park

All ages Free

Please meet at the Environmental Learning Center.

#116581 4/19/14 Sat 1:30 – 3 p.m.



Beach Clean Ups

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Lincoln Park

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#116580 4/19/14 Sat 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Discovery Park

All ages Free

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#116579 4/19/14 Sat 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Earth Month Activities cont.

Nature at Night

Voices of Spring: Chorus Frog and Owl Concert

Camp Long

Ages: 6 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Celebrate springtime nighttime earth music! Come to Camp Long and join a naturalist for an exploration of forest and pond in search of the music makers – frogs and owls. You may find yourself being part of the concert!

#115546 4/11/14 Fri 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Full Moon in the Forest

Lincoln Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Celebrate the earth by venturing into the forest when the moon is full. Experience Lincoln Park as a nocturnal animal. Please come prepared with warm clothes.

Meet the naturalist in the north parking lot on Fauntleroy.

#116586 4/12/14 Sat 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Explore the Park in the Dark

Carkeek Park

Ages: 6 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Celebrate the earth by exploring Carkeek Park with a naturalist in the dark! Experience the park as a nocturnal animal. Learn how owls and others are successful when light is absent and the sense of sight is not so keen.

Please meet at the east end of the lower meadow.

#115728 4/26/19 Sat 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Plant Life Walks

Are You Bloomin' Mad?

Discovery Park

Ages: 5 and older **Free**

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#116504 4/19/14 Sat 1 – 3 p.m.

Tales Among the Trees

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Celebrate the earth by getting to know your community forest the old-fashioned way - through storytelling. Find out what it means to know a forest's story. **Meet in the north parking lot on Fauntleroy.**

#116704 4/26/19 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

Tidepool Explorations

Exploring Tidepool Life

Carkeek Park Beach

All ages Free

Explore with a naturalist one of the most unique parts of the planet – tidepools! Search for anemones, moon snails, and clams during a great low tide. Learn more about life in the Puget Sound. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet. Meet the naturalist at the kiosk next to the bridge over the railroad tracks in the beach parking lot.

#115732	4/19/14	Sat 1:30 - 3 p.m.
#115745	5/17/14	Sat 12:30 - 2 p.m.
#115746	5/18/14	Sun 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.
#115750	5/31/14	Sat 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.
#115751	6/14/14	Sat 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Beach Safari at Me-Kwa-Mooks

Emma Schmitz Viewpoint/Me-Kwa-Mooks

Ages: 3 and older Free

Search for tidepool animals during some of the best low tides of the year. Learn a bit of beach ecology and which animal is the most colorful – a sea star, a sea anemone, or a sea slug. **Dress for windy weather and wear shoes that can get wet and handle slippery surfaces.**

#116506	4/19/14	Sat 1:30 – 3 p.m.
#116507	5/17/14	Sat 12:30 – 2 p.m.
#116508	5/18/14	Sun 1:15 – 2:45 p.m.
#116509	5/31/14	Sat 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.
#116510	6/14/14	Sat 11:30 – 1 p.m.

Tidepool Explorations cont.

Family Low Tide Beach Walks on Discovery Park's South Beach

Discovery Park

All ages Free

Join Seattle volunteer naturalists to explore the intertidal of sea stars, moon snails, sea anemones and clams on Discovery Park's sandy South Beach. This walk is perfect for families with small children. **Please dress for the weather and wear shoes that can get wet.**

#116581 4/19/14 Sat 1:30 – 3 p.m.

#116583 5/31/14 Sat 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Tidepool Adventure on Discovery Park's North Beach

Discovery Park

Ages: 6 and older Free

Explore some of the best low tides of the season with a naturalist at Discovery Park! Learn how different plants and animals are able to survive the low tides. Search for moon snails, crabs, sea anemones, and more! Due to the long walk and rocky beach, this program is best suited to ages 6 and up. **Please dress for the weather and wear shoes that can get wet.**

#116706 5/17/14 Sat Noon – 2 p.m.

#116707 5/18/14 Sun 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.

#116708 6/14/14 Sat 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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#116587 5/16/14 Fri 8 – 9:30 p.m.

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Wait Until Dark

Discovery Park

Ages: 6 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Join a Seattle volunteer naturalist for a night hike in Discovery Park. We'll watch and listen for animals on the prowl and do a bit of stargazing if the weather is clear.

#116709 5/30/14

Fri 8:30 – 10 p.m.



Tot Treks and Nature Play

The following programs are an opportunity for the very young to explore outside in a safe environment and to share that experience with an adult that is important to them. Parents and others that share time with a toddler can learn tips and tricks for sharing the outdoors with a little one. These programs are also a great chance to make new friends.

Ages: 2 – 3 with an adult **Fee:** \$4 per person.

Animal Homes

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddlers. Take a hike through Camp Long searching for the animal homes in ponds, forest, and birds.

#115534 3/28/14 Fri 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Froggy Frolic

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! Discover the world of frogs, dragonflies, and turtles at the Discovery Park ponds.

#116712 4/16/14 Wed 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

#116713 5/10/14 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Water Babies

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Take a dip in the ponds and see what new life is springing up.

#115544 4/18/14 Fri 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Holes and Hiding Places

Carkeek Park

Share nature with your children! In the Piper's Creek watershed where the grass and ferns grow, beneath the tall old trees, is a special place for you and a toddler to explore. Search high and low, over and under and through, for places animals might hide and live and play and raise their babies.

#115763 4/24/14 Thu 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Beach ABC's

Discovery Park

Adults – grow outside with your children! Trek on the beach to explore the world of Anemones, Barnacles, and Crabs!

#116710 6/11/14 Wed 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Please notice the different time of this program due to the time of the low tide.

#116711 6/14/14 Sat 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Tidepool Treasures

Carkeek Park

Share nature with your children. Take a trek to the beach to look for treasures from the sea – anemones, moon snails, sea stars and more. **Please notice the time of program is different due to the time of the low tide. Please wear shoes that can get wet. Meet the naturalist at the Environmental Learning Center campus.**

#115761 6/12/14 Thu 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

Music of the Spring Forest

Carkeek Park

Share nature with your children! In the Piper's Creek watershed where the grass and ferns grow, beneath the tall old trees, is a special place for you and a toddler to explore. Hike in the woods; listen to the trees, the birds, and other music in the forest.

#115755 5/22/14 Thu 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Colors of the Rainbow

Camp Long

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Trek through Camp Long searching field, forest, stream, and pond. Discover the colors of nature.

#115543 Fri 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

History Programs

The History of Lincoln Park

Lincoln Park

Ages: 12 and older **Free**

Was Lincoln Park really named after Abraham Lincoln? Why does that restroom look like a spaceship for hobbits? And how did those California redwoods end up here? Join a Seattle volunteer naturalist on a walk through time, learning some of the history of West Seattle's largest park. Meet in the north parking lot on Fauntleroy.

#116705 5/4/14 Sun 1 – 3 p.m.

Carkeek Park History Walk

Carkeek Park Environmental Learning Center

Ages: 6 and older **Free**

Do you know where the brick factory was at Carkeek Park? Do you know where Carkeek Park was originally located on Lake Washington? For the answers to these and other questions, join a naturalist for this fascinating program. Meet at the Environmental Learning Center campus located at the entrance to the park.

#115718 6/14/14 Sat 1 – 3 p.m.

Stewardship Opportunities

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#116579 4/19/14

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Wildlife Walks

Bird Tours

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fee:** \$3 per person

Discover the wonders of birding. Join experienced leaders to explore for migrants and year-round residents within Discovery Park's varied habitats. **Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them.**

#116515	3/22/14	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#116516	3/29/14	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#116517	4/5/14	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#116518	4/19/14	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#116519	4/26/14	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#116520	5/3/14	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#116522	5/10/14	Sat 7 – 9 a.m.
#116521	5/10/14	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#116523	5/17/14	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.



Birds of the Duwamish

Meet at Discovery Park and travel by van to the Duwamish River

Ages: 8 and older **Fee:** \$25.00 per person

Explore the Duwamish River with an expert birder and discover some nesting places for fascinating birds like Peregrine Falcons, Purple Martins, and Bald Eagles. This van-based tour includes stops at several places with short hike to viewing areas, as well as a stop to eat your sack lunch. Families and beginning birders are welcome and encouraged. **Please bring rain gear, layers of clothes, binoculars (if you have them), and a sack lunch. Meet at the Environmental Learning Center at Discovery Park.**

#116573 5/31/14 Sat 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



Wildlife Walks cont.

International Migratory Bird Day Events

Bird Tours

Ages: 8 and older **Fees:** \$3 per person

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day and discover the wonders of early morning birding. Join experienced leaders as we welcome home migrants within Discovery Park's varied habitats. **Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them.**

#116522 5/10/14 Sat 7 – 9 a.m.

#116521 5/10/14 Sat 8 – 10 a.m.



Birdwatching

Camp Long

Ages: 6 and older **Free**

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day by birdwatching with a naturalist. Songbird migration is at its peak; learn birding techniques and tips from an experienced birder. All levels are invited and beginners are welcome. **Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.**

#115519 5/10/14 Sat 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Spring Bird Walk

Carkeek Park

Ages: 6 and older **Free**

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day by joining a naturalist at Carkeek Park for a morning bird walk. Spring migration is at its peak. Enjoy the vibrant yellows of warblers and reds of tanagers. All levels of birder welcome, even beginners. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them. **Please meet at the Environmental Learning Center campus located at the entrance to the park.**

#115768 5/10/14 Sat 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Are You Bloomin' Mad?

Ages: 5 and older **Free**

In celebration of migratory birds, learn about the places they inhabit here in the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy the beauty and wonder of spring; learn some of the local plants that make our habitats healthy.

#116505 5/10/2014 Sat 1 – 3 p.m.



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#116704 4/26/14 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

Prehistoric Plants of Lincoln Park

Lincoln Park in West Seattle

Ages: 7 and up **Free**

Join a naturalist for an exploration of Lincoln Park in search of ferns and other plants dinosaurs may have eaten. **Meet at the north parking lot on Fauntleroy.**

#116591 6/7/14 Sat 1 – 3 p.m.

Space is limited. Register for programs today!

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